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Applicant: SORENSEN ET AL. Examiner: K. NOLAND
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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR VENDING PRODUCTS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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TO 3600 MAIL ROOM

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being submitted in reply to the Official Action dated April 12, 2000. An appropriate extension of time and accompanying fee are being provided herewith.

Please amend the application as follows.

In the claims

Please cancel claims 20 and 21, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 22, 23 and 26 as follows:

(Once Amended) [The method of Claim 21,] A method of vending bottled beverages from a vending machine of the type having a transparent front viewing panel that enables customer viewing of the actual beverages held by the machine and available for vending, comprising the steps of:

- a. aligning a plurality of bottled beverages in at least two ordered queues of said beverages;
- b. providing a customer selection input identifiable with at least one of said two ordered queues of beverages;

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